

Passaic River Cleanup

2013 update for HEP report. Info provided by Alice Yeh and Stephanie Vaughn.

River Mile 10.9 Non-Time Critical Removal

Twenty-thousand cubic yards of highly contaminated sediment will be removed from a mudflat on the eastern bank of the Lower Passaic River near Lyndhurst (at River Mile 10.9) and a protective cap will be placed over the approximately 5.6-acre excavated area. The cap will be approximately two feet thick and consist of four layers of stone, fabric, sand and a layer of activated carbon. The cap will be monitored and maintained to ensure that it remains protective while a final cleanup plan for the lower 17 miles of the Passaic River is developed by the EPA. All work will be conducted from barges on the river and the sediment will be transported by the barges downriver to a processing facility and then disposed of out-of-state. Air and water quality will be monitored during the work. The work is expected to be completed by the end of 2013. The \$20 million cleanup is being paid for by 70 companies considered potentially responsible for contamination of the Lower Passaic River. The cleanup will be conducted by the companies with EPA oversight.